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PALESTINIAN WITHDRAWAL
BEIRUT, LEBANON
31 AUGUST 1982

1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVACUATION OF THE PLO IS CONTINUING (GRAPHIC 1 OF 5).

2. (S/D) REMARKS: AT BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD

ONLY THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE AIRFIELD IS IMAGED. NO CHANGE IN AIR ORDER-OF-BATTLE OR AIRFIELD FACILITIES IS OBSERVED. THE VISIBLE PORTIONS OF THE NORTH/SOUTH RUNWAY AND THE NORTHEAST/SOUTHWEST RUNWAY APPEAR TO BE OPERATIONAL. REPAIR ACTIVITY IS IN PROGRESS ON THE NORTHEAST PARALLEL TAXIWAY. THE SMALL BIVOUAC AND MILITARY VEHICLES NEAR THE NORTHEAST/SOUTHWEST RUNWAY ON ARE STILL PRESENT. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED.

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(S/D) BEIRUT PORT FACILITIES ARE OPERATIONAL. ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVACUATION OF THE PLO IS CONTINUING. A FERRY WITH STERN RAMP LOWERED, IDENTICAL TO THE ONE OBSERVED IS AT THE WESTERN MOLE (GRAPHIC 2 OF 5). AN ADDITIONAL FERRY HAS ARRIVED AT THE EASTERN QUAY AND IS PROBABLY INVOLVED IN CARGO/VEHICLE TRANSFER ACTIVITY. A THIRD FERRY IS JUST OFFSHORE (GRAPHIC 3 OF 5). THREE COASTAL FREIGHTERS ARE ALSO IN THIS AREA ENGAGED IN CARGO TRANSFER. A CONVOY OF 18 TRUCKS IS ENTERING THE PORT ALONG THE COASTAL HIGHWAY (GRAPHIC 4 OF 5). ONE MERCHANT SHIP, ONE BULK CARRIER, AND TWO COASTAL FREIGHTERS ARE IN PORT. ONE POSSIBLE ISRAELI DABUR PATROL BOAT IS UNDERWAY OFFSHORE. U.S. FORCES OBSERVED INCLUDE ONE THOMASTON-CLASS DOCK LANDING SHIP WITH ONE UTILITY LANDING CRAFT (LCU) EMBARKED (WHICH HAS MOVED OFFSHORE SINCE), ONE AUSTIN-CLASS AMPHIBIOUS TRANSPORT DOCK (LPD), ALSO OFFSHORE, TWO NEWPORT-CLASS AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE LANDING SHIPS (ONE HAS MOVED OFFSHORE AND ONE HAS ARRIVED OFFSHORE SINCE), THREE LCU IN PORT (THE LCU WITH NINE TRUCKS AND THREE TRAILERS EMBARKED HAS DEPARTED), AND TWO MECHANIZED LANDING CRAFT (LCM) OFFSHORE. THE LCM IN PORT HAS DEPARTED. THE POSSIBLE HEADQUARTERS UNIT REMAINS PARKED OUTSIDE TWO TRANSIT SHEDS AT THE CENTER OF THE PORT.

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(S/D) IN EAST BEIRUT, THE CONVOY WHICH WAS FORMING NEAR THE CHECKPOINT ON THE BEIRUT-DAMASCUS HIGHWAY [REDACTED] HAS DEPARTED. MILITARY VEHICLES REMAIN AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE TO THE GALERIE SEMAAN AND THE PARK AREA NEARBY. A HELICOPTER LANDING AREA HAS BEEN DELINEATED ON THE PLAYING FIELD INSIDE THE HIPPODROME [REDACTED]

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(S/D) A LARGE COLUMN OF DARK SMOKE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN IS OBSERVED RISING FROM AN UNINHABITED HILLSIDE JUST EAST OF THE GOVERNMENT TOBACCO PLANT (GRAPHIC 5 OF 5). A SYRIAN AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTED DOWNED IN THE BEIRUT AREA THIS MORNING.

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